TECHNIQUE FOR SECURE REMOTE CONFIGURATION OF A SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

After a processor-controlled system having
5   communications capabilities is delivered to a user in its
generic configuration, customization of the system is
realized in accordance with the invention by downloading
thereto selected information objects, e.g., software
components and/or data, from a server. To avoid
10 unauthorized downloading of the selected information
objects, certain information in a request for the objects
by the system to the server is encrypted and/or
cryptographically signed. Such information may be, e.g.,
a serial number identifying the system. If the server
15 succeeds in decrypting the encrypted information and/or
authenticating the digital signature, and thereby
verifies the identity and legitimacy of the system, the
server downloads the selected information objects to
realize the customization.